IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF Art Unit: 1646

KATOPODIS ET AL. Examiner: Belyavskyi, Michail A

APPLICATION NO: 10/522,823

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FOR: TOLERANCE INDUCTION WITH HELP OF A COMBINATION OF A

LFA-1 INHIBITOR AND A COSTIMULATION INHIBITOR AND/OR A

MTOR INHIBITOR

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

The Office Action of November 24, 2008 has a shortened statutory time set to expire on February 24, 2009. A three-month extension is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a).

Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis in the amount of \$1110 for payment of the extension fee. An additional copy of this paper is here enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR §1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis.

Respectfully submitted,

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